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### **PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

In order to place the above-identified application in better condition for examination, please amend the application as follows:

## **IN THE CLAIMS**

Please substitute the following amended claims for corresponding claims previously presented. A copy of the amended claims showing current revisions is attached.

3. A process according to claim 1, wherein the low-valence metal  $(M)^n$  is at least one metal selected from the group consisting of  $Cu^{1+}$ ,  $Ru^{2+}$ ,  $Fe^{2+}$  and  $Ni^{2+}$ .

#### **REMARKS**

Attached hereto is a marked-up version of the changes made to the claims by the current amendment. The attached page(s) is captioned "Version With Markings To Show Changes Made."

Respectfully submitted,

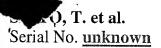
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# **VERSION WITH MARKINGS TO SHOW CHANGES MADE**

# **IN THE CLAIMS**

3. A process according to claim 1-or-claim 2, wherein the low-valence metal (M)<sup>n</sup> is at least one metal selected from the group consisting of Cu<sup>1+</sup>, Ru<sup>2+</sup>, Fe<sup>2+</sup> and Ni<sup>2+</sup>.